

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE 1366 Mary Jane Avenue

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1366 Mary Jane Avenue, Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 3:57 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure.

Thirteen (13) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-nine

(29) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief T. Gentry was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 4:13 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence did not have a working smoke alarm. The home sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at



\$20,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical; a light fixture malfunctioned in the bedroom ceiling. Red Cross provided assistance for one (1) adult and three (3) children.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or on-line at: <a href="https://www.memphistn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalld=11150816&pageId=12053796b">https://www.memphistn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalld=11150816&pageId=12053796b</a>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.